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25X1 [REDACTED] I briefed Mr. Bates concerning the possibility of a Soviet manned earth satellite test and another Venus probe.

I discussed various matters of Committee organization with Mr. Bates who advised that the overall number of the members of the Committee will be decreased from 40 to 37 members giving him two new Republicans and Chairman Rivers two new Democrats. This will result in a breakdown of 21 Democrats and 16 Republicans in the Committee.

Mr. Bates advised that he has a relatively new man on his staff, former Navy Captain Bill Hogan. At least for the present, he does not require any clearances on Captain Hogan. Although Mr. Bates intends to use Captain Hogan on some Committee work, he does not intend to use him on Agency classified matters at the present.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. J. R. Blandford, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the possibility of a Soviet manned earth satellite test; another Venus probe during the next few days; and the
25X1 [REDACTED] Mr. Blandford requested that I try to contact the Chairman and brief him personally on these items.

I met with Mrs. Coralee Bull, Chairman Rivers' personal secretary, who advised that the Chairman would not be available until some time after 9:30 in the morning and suggested that I come by to see him at that time.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him on the possibility of a Soviet manned earth satellite test and a probable additional Venus probe. Mr. Wilson advised that Chairman Teague had been extremely busy and hard to reach but that he would try to get to the Chairman in the morning and brief him on the items.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] Met with Miss Louise Ellis, House Armed Services Committee staff, and received from her classified documents identified in review of Committee files for return to the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record.

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